

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Inflation makes no exceptions for scientific societies, and at the recent meeting of the Council it was reluctantly voted to raise the dues. For 1971 membership dues in the Wilson Society will be \$8 for Regular Members, \$10 for non-member and institutional subscriptions, and \$15 for Sustaining Members. The contribution for Life Membership will go up to \$200, but anyone making the initial installment on a payment for Life Membership before 31 December 1970 can do so at the old rate. In return for this increase in dues it is our hope to make the *Bulletin* larger, and to reduce the long delay time in publication of papers.

The inside front cover of each issue of the *Bulletin* carries information about the Josselyn Van Tyne Library, one of the unique features of The Wilson Society. Each member should, then, be aware of the opportunity that he has to borrow books from the Library, but the Library Committee reports that in the 1969-70 year only 32 people availed themselves of this privilege. Perhaps cover material does not get read, and perhaps this notice will remind our members of the existence of the Library, which is a remarkably complete collection of the ornithological literature, journals and books, both technical and popular. With new book prices what they are today it would seem that many members would be willing to pay the return postage to Ann Arbor for even the most casual reading.

Some time ago an anonymous donor arranged for an award for non-professionals to be known as the Margaret Morse Nice Award. Regrettably, and surprisingly, there were no applications for this award in 1970. In the entire membership there must be at least one person who could use \$100 to help out his ornithological studies, and who meets the requirement of not being affiliated with a college or university.

We have received notice of the death of two longtime members: Life member Dr. Mary Juhn of Beltsville, Maryland on 3 May 1970 and James L. Baillie of Toronto, Ontario on 29 May 1970.

The Society has been the beneficiary of a gift for the purpose of awarding a monetary prize of \$150 for the best paper and \$50 for the second best paper appearing in *The Wilson Bulletin* during one calendar year. A committee of three, one of whom will be the Editor, will be appointed to judge the papers.

In June 1970, the Siam Society issued a memorial number of its *Natural History Bulletin* in honor of the late Herbert G. Deignan, an authority on the Birds of Southeast Asia, especially Thailand. He was Secretary of the American Ornithologist Union from 1959 to 1961.

The 200-page issue includes papers by friends and colleagues of Deignan's, covering subjects in which he was interested.

Copies may be obtained for \$2.50 plus 50¢ Seamail postage from the Siam Society, 131 Lane 21, (Asoke) Sukhumvit Road, P. O. Box 65, Central, Bangkok, Thailand.